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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Steven Yatchak et al.

Application No.: 09/580,310

Filed: May 26, 2000

For: SNEEZE GUARDS AND  
METHODS FOR THEIR  
CONSTRUCTION AND USE

Art Unit: 3624

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 1. (Amended) A sneeze guard comprising:
- 2 at least one post having a longitudinal axis defining a length;
- 3 a bracket assembly coupled to the post such that the bracket assembly is
- 4 movable lengthwise along the longitudinal axis of the post, wherein the bracket assembly

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